(b) what is the action plan and time period to complete Government's programme to give tube wells to each and every village and hamlet of the country as a whole and Orissa in particular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As per the latest information furnished by the State Governments, as on 1.4.2000, there are 27443 rural habitations which have no drinking water facilities. As per the information furnished by the Government of Orissa, 448 rural habitations of Orissa do not have drinking water facilities as on 1.4.2000.

(b) As per the Action Plans prepared by the State Governments including Orissa, in consonance with the National Agenda for Governance of the Government, all the remaining Not Covered and Partially Covered rural habitations would be fully covered with drinking water facilities in five years, subject to availability of funds.

Grants-in-aid to NGOs BY CAPART

1220. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise fund earmarked for grants-in-aid to the NGO, amount sanctioned and actual amount disbursed, State-wise, by the North-East Zonal Office of CAPART since 1996;

(b) the year-wise amount refunded, reasons for non-refund, non-utilization and very poor performance; and

(c) the list of expert persons in the State level sanctioning committees with direct experience of working with voluntary bodies and criteria followed?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) CAPART Headquarter does not earmark funds State-wise. Lump sum amounts are earmarked to the Regional Committees (RCs) out of which funds are sanctioned by the RCs to the Voluntary Organisations. year-wise and State-wise details of amount sanctioned and actual amounts disbursed by the Regional Committee since 1996-97 to 1999-2000 are given in the enclosed Statement-I (*see* below).

(b) No amount has been refunded by the Regional Committee. As such, the question of reasons for non-refund or non-utilisation does not arise. As against a sum of Rs. 5.20 crores released to the Regional Committee during 1996-97 to 1999-2000, a sum of Rs. 4.82 crores was utilised which is about 92.7% of the released amount. This indicates that there is no poor performance.

(c) A list of the Members of the Regional Committee is enclosed in the Statement-II (*see* below). The Regional Committee comprises of the representatives of voluntary organisations and the Secretaries of Rural Development Departments of State Governments. All these members deal with the voluntary organisations and rural development programmes and therefore they are considered experts in the field. The criteria for selection of the members in the Regional Committee, which is the sanctioning authority, are their direct experience of working with voluntary bodies in Rural Areas, as indicated above.

Statement-I

(Amount in Rs.)

Year	Arunachal Pradesh		Assam		Manipur		Meghalaya	
	Sanctioned	Released	Sanctioned	Released	Sanctioned	Released	Sanctioned	Released
1996-97	2,02,334	2,97,309	40,01,923	49,93,830	23,73,943	49,23,710	—	1,37,855
1997-98	67,93,807	47,48,128	59,28,278	34,45,498	—	27,500	2,88,693	2,12,258
1998-99	1,20,644	2,55,103	79,32,592	67,80,355	51,38,262	47,12,543	5,72,950	5,19,625
1999-2000	2,88,998	3,98,702	70,16,496	38,30,315	30,88,413	41,50,452	1,88,432	2,38,557
Total	**74,05,783**	**56,99,242**	**2,48,79,289**	**1,90,49,998**	**1,06,00,618**	**1,38,14,205**	**10,50,075**	**11,08,295**

Year	Mizoram		Nagaland		Sikkim		Tripura	
	Sanctioned	Released	Sanctioned	Released	Sanctioned	Released	Sanctioned	Released
1996-97	13,40,290	10,00,230	9,07,512	6,25,371	—	—	8,58,189	2,87,102
1997-98	8,13,880	9,42,381	—	—	—	—	10,74,750	6,08,351
1998-99	—	2,58,854	76,500	2,43,590	3,61,500	—	9,30,676	13,17,223
1999-2000	2,55,100	1,27,550	6,16,795	2,47,980	1,47,950	80,325	7,33,300	3,78,118
Total	**24,09,270**	**23,29,015**	**16,00,807**	**11,16,941**	**5,09,450**	**80,325**	**35,96,910**	**25,90,794**

Note:- The release amount include releases made in the projects which were sanctioned during previous years.

Statement-II

List of Members of Regional Committee, Guwahati, Assam with their addresses

1.	Shri Indreshwar Deori Vidya Bharati, Milanpur Dibrugarh, Assam.	Chairperson.
2.	Shri N.C. Jeliyang Jan Vikas Samiti, Room No. 101, Majestic Apartments, Circular Road, Dimapur, Nagaland—797112.	Member
3.	Dr. Malati Baruo, Near Ganesh Mandir, Noonmati, Guwahati, Assam.	Member
4.	Shri Vishal Nath Rai, Distt Polumapara, Arunachal Pradesh Seva Sangh, At & PO Doimukh, Distt. Popumapera, Arunachal Pradesh—791112.	Member
5.	Shri Thakur Pyakurel, Saraswati Sishu Mandir, Vill/Post: Pachikhani, Distt. East Sikkim, Sikkim.	Member
6.	Shri Dasarath Sahi, Shiva Mandir Bangkwan Chaltpang, Aizwal, Mizoram.	Member
7.	Shri Chittaranjan Chakraborty, Keshav Mandir, Krishna Nagar, Shankar Choumuhani, Agartala, Tripura.	Member
8.	Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.	Member

9.	Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Assam; Guwahati.	Member
10.	Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Meghalaya, Shillong.	Member
11.	Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Nagaland, Kohima.	Member
12.	Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Tripura, Agartala.	Member
13.	Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok.	Member
14.	Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Manipur, Imphal.	Member
15	Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Govt. of Mizoram, Aizwal.	Member
16	Representative of DG, CAPART	Member
17	Member Convenor, CAPART	Member Convenor

SCs/STs on foreign assignments

1221. SHRI R.N. ARYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Forum of SC/ST MPs in its representations submitted to the Prime Minister on 17th December, 1996, Ist September, 1997 and 23rd July, 1998 have demanded posting of persons from SCs and STs category in foreign assignments under UNO, its affiliated Organisations in India and abroad; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon, furnishing number of persons